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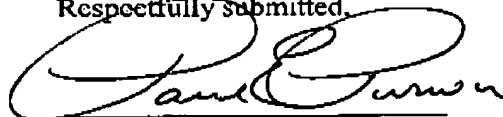
Remarks

In the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected pending claims 1-11 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,711,893 ("Veda") in view of U.S. Patent 5,653,866 ("Jessup").

As noted in the corrected Cross Reference to Related Application, the parent application of this application was filed the same day as Veda, whereby Veda does not constitute prior art except for the new matter added by way of this application and U.S. 10/616,216. Applicants respectfully submit that Veda is relevant only to the subject matter of the original application, filed of equal date to Veda, and therefore do not render the present pending claims obvious.

The applicants respectfully request the Examiner withdraw his rejection and allow the application.

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